

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough, and added terms are shown with underscoring. Also, please add new claims 3-7 shown below.

1. (Currently amended) A structure for supporting rotatably an axle hub (14) on a knuckle (13) via a bearing (15) comprising:

an elastic body (35) including a seal lip (~~35a to 35e~~) for sealing off a space between an outer race (26) and an inner race (27) of the bearing (15), and

an annular extending portion (35d) integrally formed on the elastic body (35) and held in place in a gap (~~α~~) between an axial end face of the outer race (26) of the bearing (15) and an axial end face of a bearing support hole (13a) in the knuckle (13).

2. (Currently amended) The structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein

the outer race (26) of the bearing (15) and the knuckle (13) are fastened together by ~~means of~~ a bolt (32).

3. (New) The structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said

annular extending portion is bent in a V-like shape when in a free state thereof.

4. (New) The structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said annular extending portion is inclined relative to a radial direction of the elastic body when in a free state thereof.

5. (New) The structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein a distal end of said annular extending portion has an expanded size in comparison to a remainder thereof.

6. (New) The structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said elastic body is part of seal

member.

7. (New) The structure as set forth in Claim 1, further including an annular ring press fitted to an inner circumferential surface of said outer race, and said elastic member is fixed to said annular ring.